

EASTER SUNDAY

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MARK 16:6, ESV



The Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 2024

*(Congregation stands and turns to face
the cross in the center of the congregation.)*

The Easter Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

Pastor: The Good News of Jesus from the Apostle Mark.

All: **Glory be to God.**

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor: Christ is risen.

All: (yet quietly) **He is risen indeed.**

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

People: The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my song,

People: And he has become my salvation.

Pastor: Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

People: Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

Pastor: You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;

People: You have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

Pastor: You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,

Allelu

People: The place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

Pastor: The sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

People: The LORD will reign forever and ever.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

People: The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Pastor: Christ is arisen.

All: (loud and joyful!) He is risen indeed, Alleluia.



Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!



(Congregation may be seated)



Choir Anthem

“Crown Him”

Hymn

Rejoice, Angelic Choirs

OAR 211

- 1 Rejoice, angelic choirs!
Creation, join and sing;
Sound forth the trumpet to proclaim
The triumph of our King! Refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
- 2 In radiance of His light,
The everlasting King
Earth's ancient darkness overthrows,
Forever banishing! Refrain
- 3 O Church of Christ, rejoice!
God's faithful people, sing;
Clothed in the brightness of this light,
God's house with praises ring! Refrain

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Invocation

Pastor: We begin in the Name of the Father,

All: Who raises His only Son, so that we might have life.

Pastor: We begin in the Name of His Son, Jesus Christ,

All: Who redeemed us on the cross with His own blood.

Pastor: We begin in the Name of the Holy Spirit,

All: Who comforts us, and gives us power to live. Amen. Christ is risen, Alleluia!

The Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The stone is rolled away! The tomb is vacated! The angel of the Lord proclaims Christ's resurrection victory! And heaven awaits--an open door--in glistening glory!

All: Loose our tongues, Lord God, to proclaim this wondrous news, shouting our Alleluias with newfound voice.

Leader: Grant that your Church may shine like a precious jewel, showing forth the glory of your gracious gifts to us. And let the Light of Your Resurrection glisten to the far corners of the earth,

All: That people everywhere may join to sing their Alleluias with newfound voice.

Leader: Break down the walls which separate people and nations--walls of anger, pride, arrogance, greed, and jealousy. Strengthen all who are persecuted for their Christian Faith. Turn the hearts of all who persecute Christians, that they may come to true Faith and know the Resurrected Christ.

All: Clothe your people with the humility of Christ, that united in faith and hope and love we may raise our Alleluias with newfound voice.

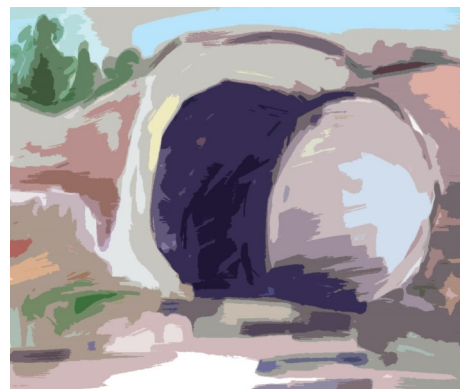
Leader: Dispel the darkness of those imprisoned by want or need. Touch and comfort the ill, the grieving, the distressed and the lonely, and give hope to the dying.

All: That by your life-restoring grace all people may arise to newness of life, to lift their Alleluias with newfound voice.

Leader: And when the final trumpet sounds, bring us and all who believe in Christ to that new Jerusalem prepared for us in everlasting glory, where, with all the saints redeemed and raised to life unending, we may forever shout our Alleluias with ever-newfound voice.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Welcome

Pastor Randy Bard

Children's Time

DCE Jeff Bellach

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well

refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**



Easter Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Reader: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

Reader: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

People: He has put all things under his feet. Amen.

Easter Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*

LSB 463

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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The Sermon

Pastor Tim Eden

Offering

Choral Anthem "Crown Him, The Risen King"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

All: Guard my life, for I am devoted to You.

Pastor: You are my God;

All: Save your servant who trusts in You.

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to You all day long.

All: Bring joy to your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Pastor: You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to You.

All: Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. *Psalm 86:1-4*

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we are covered in our sins. We consistently fail to live as though You redeemed us, and rarely act as Your children. Forgive our unfaithfulness and our greed for more. Cleanse us so that we might be truly clean through Your Word.

All: Forgive us Lord Jesus. Take away our sins once again. Amen.

A time for private confession and prayer

Absolution



Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you, Christ's resurrection people.

All: And with you, our Pastor.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

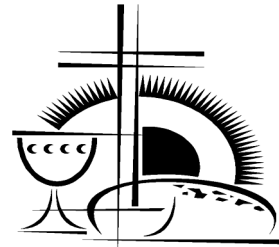
All: It is excellent and proper for us to give thanks and praise!

Pastor: It is truly excellent and proper that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks to Jesus Christ our Lord and God, who on this day overcame death and the grave as the Passover Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, we praise and magnify Your holy Name singing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy LSB 507, sts 1 & 4

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!



The Words of Institution *(spoken by our pastor)*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you, Christ's resurrection people.

All: And also with you, our Pastor!

Pastor: Christ offers Himself for you in His Holy body and blood!

All: Alleluia! We gladly receive what He offers!

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is shared among God's people!

Agnus Dei***Lamb of God****LSB 550*

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

refrain O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

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Handbells Anthem**“Let Joyful Alleluias Ring”****Handbells Anthem****“Alleluia Let Praises Ring”****Hymns During Distribution*****Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won****LSB 490*

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

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In Christ Alone

OAR 241

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone—who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Alleluia

- 3 There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.



- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

- 1 Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain
- ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way,
Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine,
We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain
- 4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
"O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- 5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain



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I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461 sts. 1–2, 6–8

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Post Communion Canticle *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* *LSB 643*

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.



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The Thanksgiving, Closing Prayer, & Benediction

Pastor: As often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup:

All: We proclaim the Lord's death, until He comes again!

Pastor: Christ is risen.

All: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You, that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your Holy Body and Blood in this comforting Sacrament.

All: Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your Name, Amen.

Pastor: Christ is risen.

All: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless our days and our deeds with His peace.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

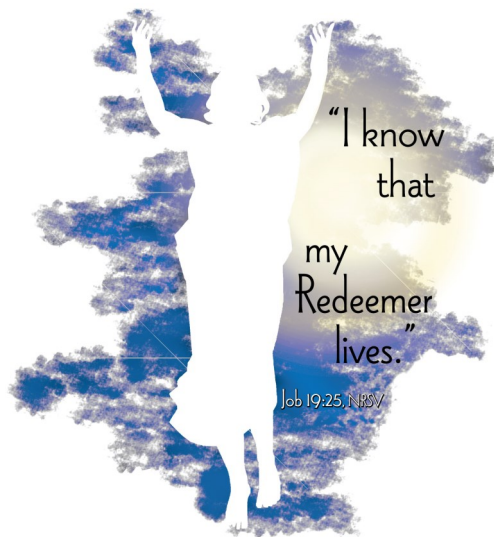
- 1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil

In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

- 3 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

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Postlude



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In Our Prayers This Week



Bethel's Preschool Staff, students & families.

Bethel's Seminary Student, Matthew Vathhauer

Bethel's Missionaries:

Rev. John Karle, University Lutheran Chapel A&M Campus & Int'l Students Ministry.

DCE Dorinda Werner, Int'l Students Ministry at University Lutheran Chapel A&M.

Rev. Karim Baidoui, Disciples Of the Way. Pastor Steve Wiechman-Breathe Life Ministry Mtakuja Secondary School in Tanzania.

Those of our families who are expecting babies. Jessica Fuller (July baby), Dyanna Murphy (July baby)

Those who are struggling with infertility.

Those under Hospice Care and their families: Billy Wetta, Henry Head and Doris Kamrath.

Those with injuries, scheduled surgery or recovering from surgery: Nancy Yung, Joan Wuthrich, Jeanette Pratt, Evelyn Siegel, Ruthann Stroud, Dalton & Deanne Noack, Ellen Solymosy, Shawn Welch, Larry Yung, Rennie Ellis, David Potthoff, Bob Pottberg.

Those who are ill, hospitalized, or dealing with Chronic health issues and their families:

Gene & Dottie Garrison, Peirce Thetford, Tom Cleveland, Dorothy Herwald, Joan Wuthrich, Glenn Brewer, Craig Murphy, Jennifer Goodenow, Marie O'Neill, Gabe Sanchez, Jana French, Bobby Maly, Lance Hausenfluck, Frank Duchmasclo, Autumn Beard, Marvin Karstens, Cynthia DuPont,

Vivian Peacock, Trey Schultz, Victor Mata, Jayson Cockcroft, Rhonda Sanders, Amy Dillman, Cathy Hunt, Roland Juneck, David Lawrenz, Jason Lawrenz, Barbara Welch, Bev Tinney, Pat Fox, Wade Bolting, Krista Jones, Pat Byer.

Those who mourn: The Jones Family as the death of Edgar "Skeeter" Jones on Mar. 4th, Eric Jone's uncle. The Clark and Brewer families at the death of Edwina Brewer on Mar. 2nd.

Our Beloved Members:

Nancy Benfer, Mardell Byer, Irwin & Claudia Carroll, Gene & Dottie Garrison, Dorothy Herwald, Sue Hoffart, Mike Lenz, Wayne & Eunice LePori, Gladys Paholek, Lee Price, Milton Reim, Doris Shimshack, LaRue Welch and Judy Wiegat.

All those in the Military and their families:

Army

Jacob Ford (**Deployed unknown location**)
(Glenda Duncan's cousin)

Caleb Albarado (**Deployed to Poland**) (The DuPont's Nephew)

Nick Solymosy (**Deployed**) (Ellen Solymosy's grandson)

Will Blanno (friend of Ruthie Bard)

Marines

Vincent Jochen, **Deployed to Japan** (The Boyds' son-in-law)

Navy

Michael Sefcik **Deployed**

National Guard:

Joshua Shepherd—**Deployed** to the Texas Border (Debbie Shepherd's son)

Air Force

Cullen Douget **Deployed to Turkey** (Wade & Terressa Douget's son)

Hayley Sisco **Deployed** (Niece of Debbie Smith)

Clay Gober (grandson of George & Lynn

***Please note:** In an effort to keep our prayers updated, please let us know about your friends and family, if you wish them to stay in our petitions. prrcb*

A Warm Bethel Welcome to Our Guests!

We are delighted you are with us. For our first time guests we have a gift waiting for you at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick up your mug. We also have information on Children's Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes and facility maps to aid in finding classes.

Nursery Care is available in Rm. 152 for ages 4 and under. If your little one becomes restless, feel free to use the Nursery. The ushers will be glad to be of assistance. Please know though, that your children and babies are always welcome as we worship.

If you wish to participate in the Lord's Supper, please read the statement concerning the Supper on your attendance card. If you are in agreement with us, then please sign the card and place it in the offering plate. We offer gluten-free wafers at Communion. If your diet/health requires that you do not eat gluten, please ask for one from the elder serving the bread at the time you commune. If you are medically or emotionally unable to drink the offered wine, then grape-juice with a single drop of wine is offered in the center of each tray. Simply ask the elder for a cup from the middle of the tray.

CHOIR & HANDBELLS POTLUCK &

CONCERT: On April 14th Bethel is hosting the high school choir and handbells from Faith Lutheran School in Plano. Bethel members will provide a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall, and the Concert will be at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. **HOST HOMES**

NEEDED: After the Concert, we will need host homes for the 10 girls, 6 boys and 4 adults (some pet and food allergies). Sign-up sheets for host homes and potluck are in the Narthex! For more information call the church office 979-822-2742 or email office@blcsbcs.org.

NO Fun Family Wednesday NEXT WEEK!

FFW Starts Up April 10th

FFW (Fun Family Wednesday) will start back on April 10th. We will have dinner, Kids Club for kindergarten through 4th grade, Youth Confirmation, 7th and 8th Grade youth, Senior High youth, and adult Bible Study. FFW will go for 5 weeks after Easter with our last Wednesday being May 8th.

Women in Mission -March Gathering

Monday, April 1, 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
All ladies invited for Refreshments & Fellowship and Bible Study.

Vacation Bible School

June 16th—20th

Youth Mission Trip

June 29th-July 6th

Save the Date— Please join the Board of Stewardship for the next Legacy Giving Event-Funeral Planning. On Sunday April 7th led by Pastor Bard following late service.. Lunch will be served and childcare provided. A sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, April 15th -Theological Debate to be hosted at Emmanuel Baptist Church 7320 Steep Hollow Rd., Bryan, TX. There will be a meal starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by the debate on "**Can infants be Baptized?**" between Pastor Matthew Jones and our very own Pastor Tim Eden. See flyer in Narthex with more info and a QR Code to RSVP.

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER		Sun., March 31—Sun., April 7, 2024
Sunday, March 31	The Resurrection of Our Lord Celebration with the Lord's Supper	
	*7:00 a.m. – SonRise Worship	Outside in East Parking Lot
	*8:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast	Parish Hall
	*9:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Class & Children SS	various classrooms
	*9:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt	Children will be taken to this from SS
	*10:30 a.m. - Easter Celebration Service	Sanctuary
Monday, April 1	Church Office Closed	
	6:30 p.m. - LWML Bible Study	Parish Hall
	7:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study & Fellowship	Room 242
Tuesday, April 2	*10:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study	Room 232
	11:00 a.m. - Banner Group	Room 240
	5:30 p.m. - Advent by Candlelight Planning	Parlor
	6:00 p.m. - Bd of Witness/Outreach	Room 105
Wednesday, April 3	NO Meal or FFW this week	
	6:00 p.m. - Bd of Stewardship	Room 105
Thursday, April 4		
Friday, April 5	6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	Room 232
Saturday, April 6	Second Saturday of Easter with the Lord's Supper	
	4:00 p.m. - Divine Worship (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Class	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 7	Second Sunday of Easter with the Lord's Supper	
	*8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	*10:00 a.m. - Children's SS and Adult Bible Classes	Various Rooms
	*11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary)	Sanctuary
	*12:00 p.m. - Funeral Planning Luncheon	Parish Hall
	4:00 p.m. - Living with Grief Class	Room 240
*Child Care Available in the Nursery		

"O "The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota* – **This Life Quote is from Lutherans For Life—**

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Registration for Holy Communion

I believe that God sent His Son, Jesus as my Savior from sin, Satan and death and that He is Lord of my life. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake. I believe the Risen Christ is truly and physically present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine all communicants receive Christ's true Body and Blood. I resolve to dedicate myself anew to my Lord through His Church, by regular worship, study of His Word, faithful witness, and loving service.

Signatures of those communing

Christian friend, if you do not agree to or understand what we mean by these statements, we would welcome you to come forward during communion to receive a blessing/prayer* from the Pastor, but we ask that you do not partake of Communion at this time. We encourage you to contact one of our Pastors to learn more about our beliefs/doctrine, especially to discuss the possibility of communing in the future.

*To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Those Serving This Morning

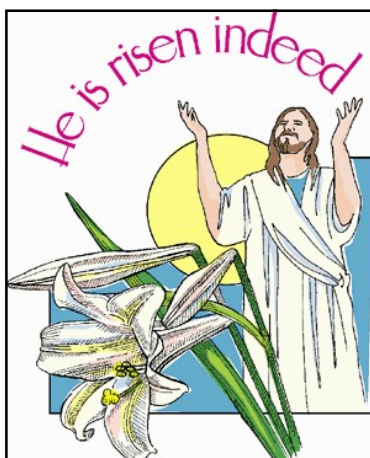
Pastors	Rev. Randy Bard Rev. Tim Eden
DCE	Jeff Bellach
Music Director & Organist	DPM Tetsuya Sugita
Elders	Jeremy Drager, Jacob Brown, Matt Hagemann, Ian Janda, Craig Murphy, Justin Ellison
Lay Reader	Wes Hall
Ushers	Taylor Wendland, Eric DuPont, Jim Smith, Brad Hildebrandt

LILIES—Thank you to everyone who purchased a lily. You may take your lily home at the end of either service today.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

is on KAGC, 1510 AM on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. sponsored by Bethel. If you would like, you can sponsor a week's broadcast for \$25 or a month for \$100.

The Lutheran Hour for the month of **March 2024** is sponsored by **Bethel's Men's Friday Morning Bible Study Group.**
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- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ What Lutherans Believe
- ☐ Membership at Bethel
- ☐ Associate Membership

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

- ☐ Prayer Chain
- ☐ Children/Youth
- ☐ Women
- ☐ Men
- ☐ Seniors
- ☐ Music

My Walk with Jesus this week will include . . .

- ☐ Reading my Bible Daily.
- ☐ Praying for all those on our Church prayer list.
- ☐ Attending a weekly Bible Study.

Connection Card March 31, 2023

☐ 10:30 am Easter

Name: Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____

Children in Attendance (Name & Age) _____

☐ Change in Contact Information

Email (please print) _____

Best Contact Phone () _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Prayer Requests _____

☐ Confidential Prayer

- ☐ 1st Time Guest
- ☐ 2nd Time Guest
- ☐ Regular Attender
- ☐ College Student
- ☐ Member/Associate

Please register for Holy Communion on the reverse side. You may place this card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.



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